

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
December 30, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioners Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

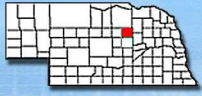
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve the December 9, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the December 2020 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$19,975.41
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	146.56
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,068.00
Appearia, services	74.32
Bartlett Post Office, postage	55.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	238.42
Cornerstone Bank, deposit box rent	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	315.80
Electronic Systems, fire alarm testing	75.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,529.92
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	458.46
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,247.55
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	264.99
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	320.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	741.21
Nordhues Family, services	245.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	494.99
Office Net, supplies	72.74
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Pro Printing & Graphics, tobacco license	25.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	15.36
Ramsey Ranch Supply, battery	167.95
Region 26 Council, 3 rd quarter assessment	8,546.73
Reimann's Body Shop, deductible	250.00
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	13.40
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	81.47

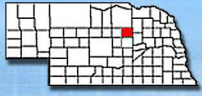


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State Probation Dist #8, share of probation expenses	236.49
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	17,481.35
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.14
We Mart, sheriff fuel	271.60
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	165.00
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, Warrant fees	209.70
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	226.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$25,648.11
AB Recovery, garnishment	508.81
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,832.80
Appera, services	30.22
Delta Dental, insurance	140.10
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL sign fee	150.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	2,790.49
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,680.34
Funk Construction, culvert work	660.00
Holt County Treasurer, culvert band	26.30
Hubel Welding, supplies	263.05
J & J Sanitation, services	199.74
Jeffres Sand & Gravel, gravel	1,596.86
Kimball Midwest, supplies	280.29
Loup Basin RC & D, weed watch postage	64.56
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	157.72
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,109.75
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 4 th quarter fuel tax	467.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,725.74
Nitro Construction, Inc, crushed concrete	12,352.80
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.42
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Saint Francis Medical Center, CDL testing	21.45
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	4,437.43
Staples Credit Plan, printer/toner	139.99
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, fuel tank storage	120.00
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	292.12
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	940.87
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	9,409.00
We Mart, road fuel	584.44
Williamson, Riley, insurance	500.00
Wood, Lonnie, insurance	500.00

Reed reported that he and Heinz met with Matt Klabenes earlier in the week to inspect the condition of the roads in order for the board to consider releasing Invenergy from further maintenance for the Thunderhead wind project as specified in the Road Use Agreement. As a result, Resolution 20201201 was presented in order to release most of the roads back to the county, with the exceptions noted on the attached Exhibit A, as well including the requirement of gravel application in



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the Spring. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201201, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to accept the proposal from Oak Creek Engineering, LLC, to be appointed and act as County Engineer and to revisit the contract at the end of the 2021, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Doug Reiter presented a Weed Activity Report and reviewed the report with the board. Heinz made a motion to approve the Activity Report as presented, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a county road and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201202 to formally adopt the previously approved zoning changes, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to table the discussion of withdrawing from Region 26 and joining Region 24 until a later date, seconded by Heinz. On roll call voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20201203 for the Certification of Highway Superintendent for 2020 and 2021 was presented. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201203, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve tax correction 2020-1, to correct an omitted value of the parcel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve a 1.3 % of cost of living increase for 2021 to county employees, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The Sheriff Distress Warrant report was presented with no action taken.

Judd Allen, on behalf of NACO, joined the meeting via phone to give the board an update on insurance rates and coverages that the NACO policy offers. No action was taken as the board wanted to wait until the January 7, 2021 meeting to make a decision.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that she would not have to transfer monies this month and could possibly be able to transfer some monies back into the Inheritance Fund.

Treasurer Seamann reported that all Distress Warrants have been satisfied.

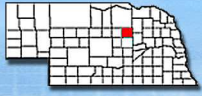
Tom Nesbitt, on behalf of Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, joined the meeting via phone to discuss different options his company offers for CDL drug testing. Hoerle made a motion to enter into an agreement with Diversified Drug Testing LLC, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Board members extended their best wishes and commended Jim Hoerle for his dedication and services to Wheeler County as a County Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM on a motion by Hoerle, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 11 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



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